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John Hamilton, Secretary

To: DD Waiver Interested Parties

From: Alison Becker, Director, Fiscal Services  
Steve Cook, Director, Developmental Disabilities Services

Date: January 18, 2002

Re: Health Care Coordination

According to the DD Waiver Manual update issued on November 1, 2001, in order to be approved, Health Care Coordination must have a prior authorization denial for Skilled Nursing services on the Medicaid State Plan. Because of the different benefits being provided by Skilled Nursing and Health Care Coordination, we are removing that requirement. In other words, Health Care Coordination may be added to an individual's Plan of Care/Cost Comparison Budget without pursuing a prior approval denial from Medicaid.

We will be issuing a screening tool to help you determine the appropriate level of Health Care Coordination needed by waiver consumers. In the meantime, please work with the Interdisciplinary Team to determine the appropriate level of services.

Please know that Skilled Nursing will still have to be provided in accordance with the Medicaid State Plan. Health Care Coordination does not take the place of Skilled Nursing, but is an additional service to manage the health care of a DD Waiver consumer.

Thank you for your help in this matter. Please contact Alison at 317/234-1527 or Steve at 317/233-3828 if you have questions or if we may be of further assistance.

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